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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application. Please amend Claims 20 and 21 as indicated in the following Listing of Claims.

**Listing of Claims** 

1-19. Canceled.

20. (Currently amended) A polymerization catalyst composition comprising a compound

having the formula:

 $MR_4$ 

wherein

M is selected from titanium, zirconium or hafnium;

R in each instance is independently selected from a beta-stable ligand; and

wherein the compound is supported on an aluminum-containing support comprising

selected from fluorided alumina, fluorided silica-alumina, fluorided/silated alumina,

aluminophosphate, or mixtures thereof.

21. (Currently amended) A polymerization catalyst composition comprising a compound

having the formula:

 $M(CH_2XR_3)_4$ 

wherein

M is selected from titanium, zirconium or hafnium;

X in each instance is independently selected from carbon, silicon, germanium,

tin, or lead; and

R in each instance is independently selected from a saturated or unsaturated

hydrocarbon; and

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wherein the compound is supported on an aluminum-containing support comprising

selected from fluorided alumina, fluorided silica-alumina, fluorided/silated alumina,

aluminophosphate, or mixtures thereof.

22. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 21, wherein

R in each instance is independently selected from an alkyl radical having from 1 to about 12

carbon atoms, an alicyclic radical having from about 4 to about 12 carbon atoms, an aryl

radical having from 6 to about 24 carbon atoms, and a hydrocarbyl substituted aryl radical

having from about 6 to about 24 carbon atoms.

23. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the aluminum-containing support further comprises silica-alumina, alumina, silated alumina,

aluminum phosphate, phosphated alumina, or mixtures thereof.

24. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the aluminum-containing support further comprises alumina which comprises less than about

6 weight percent silica.

25. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the aluminum-containing support has a surface area greater than or equal to about 150

m<sup>2</sup>/gram.

26. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

R in each instance is independently selected from -CH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, benzyl, -CH<sub>2</sub>Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, or 1-

methylene-1-naphthyl.

27. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the total amount of zirconium or hafnium in the catalyst composition is from about 0.01 to

about 10 weight percent.

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28. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the total amount of zirconium or hafnium in the catalyst composition is from about 0.1 to

about 5 weight percent.

29. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the total amount of zirconium or hafnium in the catalyst composition is from about 0.2 to

about 4 weight percent.

30. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

MR<sub>4</sub> is selected from zirconium tetrakis(trimethylsilylmethyl), hafnium tetrakis-

(trimethylsilylmethyl), or a combination thereof.

31. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

MR<sub>4</sub> is selected from zirconium tetrakis(trimethylsilylmethyl), hafnium tetrakis-

(trimethylsilylmethyl), or a combination thereof; and wherein the aluminum-containing

support is alumina which comprises less than about 6 weight percent silica.

32. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the compound supported on the aluminum-containing support comprises supported catalyst

system particles from about 1 to about 40 microns in size.

33. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the compound supported on the aluminum-containing support comprises supported catalyst

system particles from about 1 to about 20 microns in size.

34. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the polymers produced from the catalyst composition have a weight average (M<sub>w</sub>) molecular

weight greater than about 1,000,000.

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35. (Previously presented) The polymerization catalyst composition of Claim 20, wherein

the ethylene polymers produced from the catalyst composition have a comonomer

incorporation from about 0.05 to about 10 weight percent comonomer.

36. (Previously presented) A polymerization catalyst composition comprising a titanium

halide; an aluminum alkyl; and an oxide selected from fluorided alumina, fluorided/silated

alumina, or a combination thereof; and optionally comprising a magnesium halide.